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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	§	Art Group: 2832
Hall, David R., et al	§	Examiner: Nguyen, Tuyen T.
Serial No.: 10/708,793	§	
Filed: March 25, 2004	§	Docket No.: 66.0051
For: An Element for Use in An Inductive	§	
Coupler for Downhole Drilling Components	§	

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January 5, 2006

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed December 14, 2005 for which the shortened – statutory period for response is set to expire on January 14, 2005.

Restriction/Election Requirement

The Office restricted the application to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to an element for use in an inductive coupler, classified in class 336, subclass 234.
- II. Claims 12-18, drawn to an inductive coupler, classified in class 336, subclass 90.

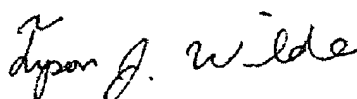
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The Applicants elect the invention of species I, claims 1-11, for prosecution on the merits without traverse. Applicants respectfully request that claims 12-18 be withdrawn to the filing of a divisional application.

It is believed that there are no fees due at this time. If there are any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at 801-310-8427.

Respectfully submitted,



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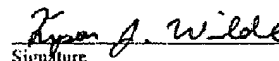
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